The ROAD and HARBOUR OF St. JOHN, in the ISLAND OF ANTIGUA.

WITH the adjacent COAST and SHOALS from BOONS POINT to MUSKITOE COVE

Surveyed in 1789 and 1790

By Lieut: E: H: Columbine *of his* MAJESTY'S SHIP *Sibyl*

REMARKS

On the NE Coast of Antigua, there are several dangerous Shoals lying 4 or 5 miles from the Land on which account almost all Ships from Europe bound to St. Johns under Deseada and then Anguilla their Course for the South of Antigua, go close to leeward of it and make no Attempt into the Road. This Survey includes every danger in and about St. Johns and all the Shoals to the N.ward & W.ward of Boons Point and Muskitoe Cove and with the annexed Sketch of the South Coast of Antigua in which I have laid down the other Shoals on this part of the Island will be found sufficient to bring a Stranger into that Road without any difficulty of attention is paid to the Drawings of the Land which I have taken from every necessary Spot.

REMARKS on the SHOALS, &c.

The parts which are dotted denote Shoal water wherever there are 3 fathoms only or less than 3. The Shoals to windward of the Diamond are patches of large Coral Rocks some of which break. Vessels that are in the wake of the Sun they may generally be seen time enough to avoid them as they appear very brown thro' the Water but this is not the case with the Diamond the Coral there growing in long slender branches only does not appear till you are close to it. I have given marks for passing thro' the Reef to windward of the Diamond which may be of use to a Ship in a case of urgent necessity. Boons and Hodges Channels are used very commonly by Ships bound from St. John's to Parham Harbour.

Bannisters Bank is sandy with a few large Stones scatter'd about it but has no where less than 3 fathoms. The Warrington generally breaks but in fresh breezes it is difficult to distinguish it. The Middle Ground is a bank of Sand with 2½ fath: on a very small part of it. The Bank off Wawkes Bill is called the 9 foot Bank. I could not find less than 10 feet on it, tho' I have sometimes seen the swell break on it in a Calm. Sandy I. is low and covered with bushes the bottom all round it is foul.

The Islands off Fenwis Point are called the Five Islands probably from their appearance which at a distance is like 5 Islands there are only four, but as it is the custom to say the Five Islands, I have called them so. To several of the Hills &c. I have been under the necessity of giving names to prevent mistakes. I have named them from their appearance or from the estate they stand on and have distinguished them by a dash, thus, Thomas's Mountain.

The Soundings are in fathoms and I have only retained such of them as may be of service not to encumber the Chart with too many figures.

EXPLANATION.

∴ Breakers which commonly appear. ✱ Rocks always to be seen. F. Gr. Foul Ground. Cor. R. Coral Rocks. St. Sd. Sand & Coral. St. St. Sand & Stone.

N.B. The Letters refer to the Views of Land.

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